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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN DIWAN CHIEF'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA

1. PRIME MINISTER BADRAN INFORMED ME ON SEPT 5 THAT
PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS OF JORDANIAN ROYAL DIWAN CHIEF
SHARAF'S SEPT 3-4 VISIT TO SAUDI ARA IA WERE 1) TO
EXPRESS KING HUSSEIN'S APPRECIATION FOR FORMAL SAUDI AGREEMENT
TO FINANCE THE \$540 MILLION U.S. HAWK/VULCAN AIR DEFENSE
SYSTEM, WHICH WOULD NOW ALLOW PROGRAM TO GO FORWARD, AND
2) TO EXPRESS KING HUSSEIN'S CONCERN OVER INTERNAL
SITUATION IN KUWAIT.

2. BADRAN SAID THAT SHARAF VIOICED JORDANIAN WORRY
THAT KUWAIT, AS A SMALL CITY-STATE, IN WHICH
CONSIDERABLE NUMBERS OF LEFTISTS AND SUBVERSIVES
ARE PRESENT, IS PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO SUBVERSION.
"ALL IT TAKES IS A MORTAR BLAST AND A COUPLE OF
BOMBS TO START A DIFFICULT INTERNAL SECURITY
SITUATION THERE."

3. BADRAN SAID JORDAN BELIEVES THE INTERNAL SECURITY
SITUATION IN KUWAIT HAS BEEN A PROBLEM FOR 3 OR 4
MONTHS. PROBLEM NOW, IF JORDANIAN EXPERIENCE IN 1970

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IS ANY GUIDE, IS THAT FIRM GOK ACTION MAY WELL TRIGGER

FURTHER ACTIVITY BY SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS IN REACTION.

4. WITHOUT BEING SPECIFIC, BADRAN SAID SAUDI ARABIAN LEADERS INDICATED TO SHARAF THAT THEY SHARE JORDAN'S CONCERN OVER KUWAITI SITUATION. BADRAN ALSO MENTIONED THAT SYRIAN LEADERS INDICATED A SIMILAR CONCERN TO KING HUSSEIN DURING HIS SEPT 2 VISIT THERE.

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